

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## HUNTINGTON DIVISION

ALAN SIGMON,

Plaintiff,

V.

ERIC K. SHINSEKI, SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Defendant.

CIVIL CASE NO. 3:12-5296

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MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Mr. Alan Sigmon, by and through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves to withdraw as counsel the law firm Melville Johnson, P.C. and Attorney Vicente de la Cruz, of the same.

Mr. Sigmon has terminated the services of Melville Johnson, P.C. Mr. Sigmon has chosen to retain local counsel, Ms. Kristina Thomas Whiteaker of The Grubb Law Group. Furthermore, Mr. Sigmon has retained Mr. Shaun Southworth of Southworth P.C. as his new counsel. Mr. Southworth was formerly employed with Melville Johnson, P.C., but he is no longer associated with the firm. Mr. Southworth's contact information is:

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court withdraw Mr. de la Cruz and the firm Melville Johnson, P.C. as the counsel and firm of record in the United States District Court of the Southern District of West Virginia in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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